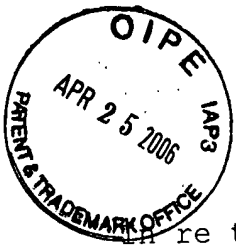


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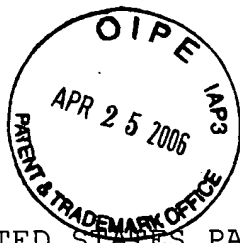
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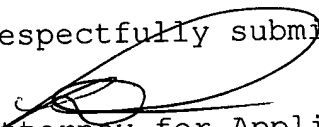
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Applicants are not aware at this time of any other prior art which could be considered to be relevant to the present application.

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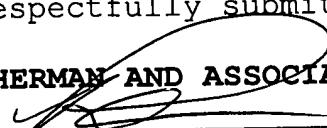
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